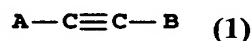


Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) An electroluminescent device comprising a cathode, an anode, and therebetween a layer containing a host material consisting essentially of one or more selected from the group consisting of anthracene compounds and metal chelated oxinoid compounds, the layer further containing ~~and~~ an ethynyl compound of Formula (1):



in an amount sufficient to stabilize the device wherein A and B represent independently selected fused carbocyclic ring groups, wherein the layer contains a third material which emits light, wherein the third material is selected from the group consisting of derivatives of anthracene, tetracene, xanthene, perylene, rubrene, coumarin, rhodamine, quinacridone, dicyanomethylenepyrans, thiopyran, polymethine, pyrylium, thiapyrylium, perflanthene, indenoperylene, bis(azinyl)amine boron compounds, bis(azinyl)methane compounds, and carbostyryl compounds

wherein the ethynyl compound is present in an amount of 0.5-20%, the light emitting third component is present in an amount of 0.1 to 10 wt%, and the balance is the host..

2. (Original) The device of claim 1 wherein at least one of the ring groups is an anthracene group.

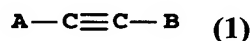
3. (Original) The device of claim 1 wherein at least one of the ring groups is a phenanthrene group.

4. (Original) The device of claim 1 wherein at least one of the ring groups is a naphthalene group.

5. (Original) The device of claim 1 wherein A represents an anthracene group and B represents a naphthalene group.

6. (Original) The device of claim 1 wherein A and B represent independently selected anthracene groups.

7. (Previously presented) An electroluminescent device comprising a cathode, an anode, and therebetween a layer containing a host material and an ethynyl compound of Formula (1):

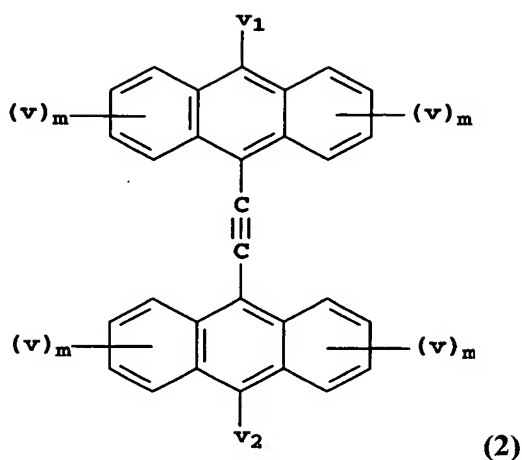


in an amount sufficient to stabilize the device wherein A and B represent independently selected fused carbocyclic ring groups wherein the device emits green light.

8. (Original) The device of claim 1 wherein the ethynyl compound comprises at least six aromatic rings.

9. (Original) The device of claim 8 wherein the ethynyl compound comprises at least eight aromatic rings.

10. (Original) The device of claim 9 wherein the wherein ethynyl compound is represented by Formula (2):



wherein:

each v independently represents a substituent, provided adjacent substituents may combine to form rings;

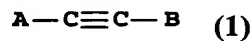
m is 0-4; and

v₁ and v₂ independently represent hydrogen or a substituent.

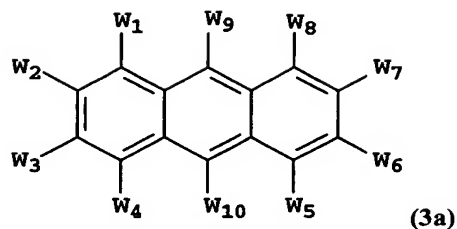
11. (Original) The device of Claim 10 wherein v₁ and v₂ represent independently selected aromatic ring groups.

12. (Original) The device of claim 10 wherein v₁ and v₂ represent independently selected phenyl ring groups.

13. (Previously presented) An electroluminescent device comprising a cathode, an anode, and therebetween a layer containing a host material and an ethynyl compound of Formula (1):



in an amount sufficient to stabilize the device wherein A and B represent independently selected fused carbocyclic ring groups wherein the host material is represented by Formula (3a):



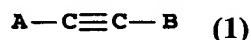
wherein:

w₁-w₁₀ independently represent hydrogen or an independently selected substituent, provided that two adjacent substituents can combine to form rings.

14. (Original) The device of Claim 13 wherein w₉ and w₁₀ represent a naphthyl group and a biphenyl group, respectively.

15. (Previously presented) The device of Claim 13 wherein the host material comprises 9,10-di-(2-naphthyl)anthracene, 2-*t*-butyl-9,10-di-(2-naphthyl)anthracene, 9-(4-biphenyl)-10-(2-naphthyl)anthracene, 9-(4-biphenyl)-10-(1-naphthyl)anthracene, or a combination.

16. (Previously presented) An electroluminescent device comprising a cathode, an anode, and therebetween a layer containing a host material and an ethynyl compound of Formula (1):



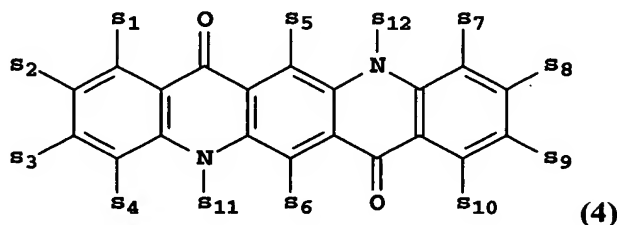
in an amount sufficient to stabilize the device wherein A and B represent independently selected fused carbocyclic ring groups wherein the host material is tris(8-quinolinolato)aluminum (III).

17. (Canceled)

18. (Previously presented) The device of claim 1 wherein the third material emits green light.

19. (Previously presented) The device of claim 1 wherein the third material is a quinacridone compound.

20. (Previously presented) The device of claim 1 wherein the third material is represented by Formula (4),



wherein:

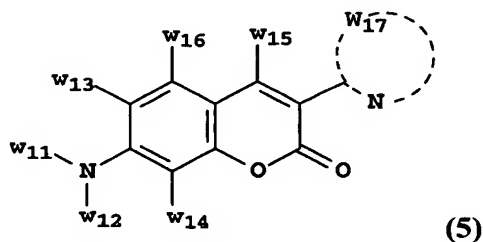
$s_1 - s_{10}$ independently represent hydrogen or an independently selected substituent, provide adjacent substituents may combine to form rings; and

s_{11} and s_{12} independently represent an alkyl group or an aromatic group.

21. (Original) The device of claim 20 wherein $s_1 - s_{10}$ represent hydrogen, and s_{11} and s_{12} each represent an independently selected phenyl group.

22. (Previously presented) The device of claim 1 wherein the third material is a coumarin compound.

23. (Previously presented) The device of claim 22 wherein the third material is represented by Formula (5),



wherein:

w_{11} and w_{12} represent an independently selected substituent, provided w_{11} and w_{12} may combine with each other or with w_{13} or w_{14} to form a ring;.

w₁₃ –w₁₆ independently represent hydrogen or an independently selected substituent, provided adjacent substituents may combine to form rings; and

w₁₇ represents the atoms necessary to complete an heteroaromatic ring.

24. (Original) The device of claim 23 wherein the third material is represented by Formula (5), wherein:

w₁₁ and w₁₃ as well as w₁₂ and w₁₄ combine to form independently selected saturated rings, which may be further substituted; and

w₁₇ represents the atoms necessary to complete a 2-benzothiazoyl group.

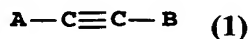
25. Canceled

26. (Original) The device of claim 1 wherein the compound of Formula (1) is present at a level of between 0.5 and 8% by weight of the layer.

27. Canceled

28. (Original) A display comprising the electroluminescent device of claim 1.

29. (Previously presented) An electroluminescent device comprising a cathode, an anode, and therebetween a layer containing a host material and an ethynyl compound of Formula (1):

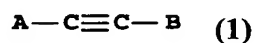


in an amount sufficient to stabilize the device wherein A and B represent independently selected fused carbocyclic ring groups wherein white light is produced either directly or by using filters.

30. (Original) An area lighting device comprising the electroluminescent device of claim 1.

31. (Original) A process for emitting light comprising applying a potential across the device of claim 1.

32. (New) An electroluminescent device comprising a cathode, an anode, and therebetween a layer containing a host material and an ethynyl compound of Formula (1):



in an amount sufficient to stabilize the device wherein A and B represent independently selected fused carbocyclic ring groups, wherein the layer contains a third material which emits light at a wavelength longer than 500nm.